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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: PROPOSED U.S. LEGISLATION TO
PROMOTE PROTECTION OF ANTARCTIC FLORA AND FAUNA

1. ON MAY 23 PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED THE SUBMISSION TO
CONGRESS ON THAT DAY OF DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE PROT-
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ECTION AND CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC FLORA AND FAUNA. THE
BILL, WHEN PASSED, WILL CONSTITUTE THE U.S. ENABLING
LEGISLATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE "AGREED MEASURES ON THE
CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC FLORA AND FAUNA" ADOPTED AT THE
THIRD ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN 1964. DES-
PITE THE LONG DELAY IN THE PREPARATION OF U.S. ENABLING
LEGISLATION, THIS GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE THE LAST

OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTY GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE THE AGREED MEASURES. JAPAN, BELGIUM AND AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT YET APPROVED THE MEASURES, WHICH GO INTO EFFECT WHEN ALL ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES HAVE APPROVED THEM. UNTIL THE LEGISLATION IS PASSED, THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEASURES AS INTERIM GUIDELINES.

2. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE USING THE TEXT PROVIDED BELOW:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

...HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECOMMENDATION VIII OF THE THIRD ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING REGARDING THE "AGREED MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC FAUNA AND FLORA" AND HAS THE PLEASURE TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT ON MAY 23, 1977, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ANNOUNCED IN HIS ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT HE WAS ON THAT DAY SUBMITTING TO CONGRESS DRAFT LEGISLATION ENTITLED THE "ANTARCTIC CONSERVATION ACT OF 1977". NOTING THAT THE LAW WOULD PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION OF FLORA AND FAUNA OF ANTARCTICA, THE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT: "BECAUSE THIS REMOTE, UNPOPULATED REGION GREATLY INFLUENCES THE STABILITY OF THE ENTIRE EARTH'S OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, ITS UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE PRESERVED." PASSAGE OF THE ACT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE THE "AGREED MEASURES" ADOPTED AT THE THIRD ANT-
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ARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THUS PERMITTING THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE MANY OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY SIGNATORIES THAT HAVE ALREADY APPROVED THE "AGREED MEASURES" AND BRING CLOSER THE DAY WHEN THE "AGREED MEASURES" WILL ENTER INTO FORCE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREED MEASURE AS INTERIM GUIDELINES UNTIL THE PASSAGE OF THE ACT PERMITS FORMAL APPROVAL. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). VANCE

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